



## Realistic Fiction: Gr. 4-6

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*\*This book is part of a series or trilogy.*

**Birdsall, Jeanne**

### **THE PENDERWICKS AT POINT MOUETTE \***

When the three younger Penderwick sisters go to Maine with Aunt Claire and are separated from oldest sister Rosalind for the first time in their lives, an uncertain Skye is left in charge as the OAP--oldest available Penderwick.

**Blume, Judy**

### **BLUBBER**

Jill goes along with the rest of the fifth-grade class in tormenting a classmate and then finds out what it is like when she, too, becomes a target.

**Blume, Judy**

### **TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING \***

Peter, who is tired of having to keep mischievous two-year-old Fudge out of trouble, discovers that his pet turtle is missing.

**Cleary, Beverly**

### **DEAR MR. HENSHAW**

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

**Clements, Andrew**

### **THE REPORT CARD**

Fifth-grader Nora Rowley has always hidden the fact that she is a genius from everyone because all she wants is to be normal, but when she comes up with a plan to prove that grades are not important, things begin to get out of control.

**Erskine, Kathryn**

### **MOCKINGBIRD**

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

**Goldblatt, Mark**

### **TWERP**

In Queens, New York, in 1969, twelve-year-old Julian Twerski writes a journal for his English teacher in which he explores his friendships and how they are affected by girls, a new student who may be as fast as Julian, and especially an incident of bullying.

**Hannigan, Katherine**

### **IDA B. – AND HER PLANS TO MAXIMIZE FUN, AVOID DISASTER AND (POSSIBLY) SAVE THE WORLD**

In Wisconsin, fourth-grader Ida B spends happy hours being homeschooled and playing in her family's apple orchard, until her mother begins treatment for breast cancer and her parents must sell part of the orchard and send her to public school.

**Harrington, Karen**

### **SURE SIGNS OF CRAZY**

Twelve-year-old Sarah writes letters to her hero, To Kill a Mockingbird's Atticus Finch, for help understanding her mentally ill mother, her first real crush, and life in her small Texas town, all in the course of one momentous summer.

**House, Silas**

### **SAME SUN HERE**

A twelve-year-old Indian immigrant in New York City and a Kentucky coal miner's son become pen pals, and eventually best friends, through a series of revealing letters exploring such topics as environmental activism, immigration, and racism.

**Korman, Gordon**

### **SCHOOLED**

After his hippie grandmother ends up in the hospital, Cap Anderson is forced to leave the commune where he is homeschooled and attend Claverage Middle School, where his odd looks and behavior make him the target of bullies.

**Lin, Grace**

**THE YEAR OF THE DOG: A NOVEL**

Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog, those of making best friends and finding oneself, to her own life.

**López, Diana**

**CONFETTI GIRL**

After the death of her mother, Texas sixth-grader Lina's grades and mood drop as she watches her father lose himself more and more in books, while her best friend uses Lina as an excuse to secretly meet her boyfriend.

**Lowry, Lois**

**ANASTASIA KRUPNIK \***

Anastasia's 10th year has some good things like falling in love and really getting to know her grandmother and some bad things like finding out about an impending baby brother.

**Mass, Wendy**

**EVERY SOUL A STAR: A NOVEL**

Ally, Bree, and Jack meet at the one place the Great Eclipse can be seen in totality, each carrying the burden of different personal problems, which become dim when compared to the task they embark upon and the friendship they find.

**O'Connor, Barbara**

**HOW TO STEAL A DOG**

Georgina, who lives with her family in their car after their father leaves, persuades her younger brother to help her in a scheme to get money by stealing a dog and claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

**Palacio, R. J.**

**WONDER**

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

**Patterson, James**

**I EVEN FUNNIER: A MIDDLE SCHOOL STORY \***

While on a mission to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic regional competition, New York middle-schooler Jamie Grimm copes with rival comics and bullies, a buddy in trouble, and a sudden family emergency, all with a sense of humor and a loyal group of friends.

**Rockwell, Thomas**

**HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS**

A small boy is challenged by a friend to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days for fifty dollars.

**Rylant, Cynthia**

**MISSING MAY**

After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.

**Shang, Wendy**

**THE GREAT WALL OF LUCY WU**

Aspiring basketball star Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that she will have to share a room with her great-aunt for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.

**Sloan, Holly**

**COUNTING BY 7'S**

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

**Spinelli, Jerry**

**EGGS**

Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

**Spinelli, Jerry**

**LOSER**

Even though his classmates from first grade on have considered him strange and a loser, Daniel Zinkoff's optimism and exuberance and the support of his loving family do not allow him to feel that way about himself.

**Yee, Lisa**

**WARP SPEED**

Marley Sandelski has always felt invisible at school when he is not facing bullies, but a series of unexpected events gives him a taste of popularity and insights into some classmates, well-liked or greatly-feared.



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